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The Office Action dated April 16, 2002 has been received and carefully reviewed. Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A process for surface treatment of at least one electrically conducting substrate or a substrate that has been coated so as to be electrically conducting, the process comprising the steps of:
- placing a gas in a region of an electric discharge;
  - restricting the discharge region on at least two opposite sides by surfaces to be treated, wherein the one or more substrates form a hollow cathode; and
  - treating the substrate surfaces by a hollow-cathode glow discharge, said discharge activated by a DC voltage, a pulsed DC voltage, a pulsed DC voltage or a low-, intermediate-, or high-frequency AC voltage.